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Enclosed please find the Response to Final Office Action dated December 30, 2005.

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In re Application of: **Xie, et al.**

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Filed: September 29, 2003

For: **Slurry-Less Polishing for Removal of
Excess Interconnect Material During
Fabrication of a Silicon Integrated
Circuit**

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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